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THE ROSE-BUSH.

A child sleeps under the rose-bush fair,
The buds swell out in the soft May air;
Sweetly it rests, and on dream-wing flies
To play with the angels in Paradise—

And the years glide by.

A maiden stands by the rose-bush fair,
The dewy blossoms perfume the air;
She presses her hand to her throbbing breast,
With love's first rapture blazin'—

And the years glide by.

A mother kneels by the rose-bush fair,
Soft sigh the leaves in the evening air;
Sorrowing thoughts of the past arise,
And tears of anguish bedim her eyes—

And the years glide by.

Naked and lone stands the rose-bush fair,
Whirled are the leaves in the autumn air;
Withered and dead they fall to the ground,
And silently cover a new made mound—

And the years glide by.

For the Henderson Reporter.]
THOUGHTS AS THEY OCCUR.

BY C.

It is only by comparison that we can form a truthful estimate, either of the virtues or vices, which prevail among mankind. The virtues of the good are enhanced in our estimation as they come to be viewed in juxtaposition with the vices of the bad; in fact, if men's actions were either all good or all bad, we could form no conception of the worth of the one, or the evil of the other. It is not, perhaps, without a design in Providence that we have those who serve as models in all the nobler qualities of our nature, while we have others who are living emblems of all that is vicious or degraded.

The multitude are thus enabled to see the monstrous deformity of vice, and if their hearts are right they seldom fail to learn important lessons therefrom.

While looking over the history of Europe, I met with the following incident; and I would say, as an instance of noble generosity and truth, it is well worth imitation:

It was shortly after many of the European governments had formed the celebrated treaty known as the *grand alliance*—about one hundred and fifty years ago—that the allies laid siege to the city of Barcelona. The forces of the besiegers were led by the Duke of Peterborough and the Prince of Dramstadt.

A bomb was thrown into the city, and happening to fall in the powder magazine, a fearful explosion took place. The garrison soon offered to capitulate. The Duke de Papoli came to the gate to adjust the articles, but before they were signed tremendous shouts were heard within.—"You betray us," cried Papoli. "While we are here with honor and sincerity, treating with you, your troops have entered the town by the ramparts, and are murdering, plundering and committing every species of violence." "You are mistaken," replied Peterborough, "these men must be the troops of Dramstadt." There is only one expedient left to save your town; allow me freely to enter with my English men. I will soon make all quiet and come back to conclude the capitulation." These words were uttered with an air of dignity and truth, which, joined to a sense of danger induced Papoli to comply. Attended by some of his officers, he entered the streets and found the soldiers pillaging the houses of the principal inhabitants, and offering insults and indignities to the inhabitants, irrespective of age or sex. He drove them from their prey; he obliged them to give up the booty they had seized; he even rescued the wife of Papoli, when on the point of being dishonored by one of the soldiers. Order was soon restored, and Peterborough immediately returned to the gate to finish the terms of capitulation.

After having read the preceding account I could not help contrasting the noble conduct of Peterborough with that of Colonel Turchin, of the Federal army.—It is well known that when he entered Athens, Alabama, he allowed his command to stack arms in the town and then, with his full cognizance, to insult and plunder the citizens, irrespective of age or sex. (For which he was court-martialed.) The baseness of his conduct appears the more monstrous when viewed side by side with the nobleness of the former.

We would, perhaps, be unable to appreciate fully the virtue of the one, or the guilt of the other, were we not endowed with the faculty of comparison; but this power of the mind enables us to hold the one up to admiration, while the other is condemned to eternal disgrace, and regarded as an enemy to the virtues which should be fostered among the human family.

HABIT.

If there is one habit more reprehensible than another it is that of chewing tobacco. Smoking can be tolerated with

something of a stomach, but when it comes to a man filling his mouth with huge wads of the filthy weed, and then squirting the juice thereof over an area of six feet in circumference about him, and even down on his beard and shirt-bosom; I say when it comes to this, it is almost beyond endurance. There is a degree to which tobacco chewing might be carried without rendering it so disgusting. A moderate use can be indulged in with impunity—unless, indeed, physiologically considered, in which sense I am of the opinion that any amount is calculated to disarrange the system and render abortive the functions of many of the organs.—

But aside from any considerations of health—although, indeed, this is by far the most important—aside from this, I say, it should be discontinued. It is filthy; and this from the simple reason that the individual who practices it is always spitting, and squirting his saliva about him. Spitting of itself is regarded among polished nations as an indecency, while in company. The Persians, thousands of years ago, regarded the practice as unbecoming, and were never known to spit while in the presence of any one. In England the like sentiment obtains, although not to the same degree. But in this country we are nearly all spitters.—

You can scarcely enter a shop, or place of business of any kind, not even churches excepted, but the first thing that salutes your vision is a deposit from the jaws of some huge spitter. It seems to me that a place of worship should certainly be sufficiently respected to act as a restraint on those who are slaves to tobacco, and that they would dispense with the chew while presenting themselves in the presence of the Most High God. A lady can scarcely enter some of the churches without her dress being soiled in the enormous puddles of tobacco juice interspersed at various distances along the aisles and between the pews.

Now, listen, for I shall whisper something in your ear: When you enter the church, either carry a spittoon with you or otherwise throw your chew away at the door of the church; for of all places, that in which we meet to renew our acquaintance with the Creator should be kept as clean and respectable as possible.

To worship is a high and holy business. The Jews and many other nations were in the habit of performing ablutions and otherwise purifying themselves before entering on the duty of worship.—We seem to carry our habits with us, regardless of the employment in which we engage. This evil should be corrected, and the only way to accomplish this end is to draw the attention of the community to it.

For the Henderson Reporter.]
THE LUDICROUS IN LIFE.

Mr. Editor: I have been much amused, recently, at one of the phases of the ludicrous, manifesting itself in Henderson. I do not propose entering upon a discussion with the persons involved in the ludicrous controversy, for I am not gifted with that versatility of talent, and do not possess that valubility of pen requisite to enforce my views with cogent argument, or subtle reason. Mirth is a Proteus, twisting himself into every conceivable shape, at the will of those who provoke him, and I have no doubt but that many of your readers have been as much amused as myself, at the late turn given him by those crossing swords in your paper and the "Weekly News," on the much-mooted subject of "Woman's Rights." A graceful, courteous writer, styling herself "A. T. S." came in the "News," some few weeks since, and expressed herself in pertinent language, on this subject, rendering to man adequate ability and acumen to wield the prerogatives he possesses, and establishing him above the gentler sex (gentler, is better than softer, for it does not admit of double meaning) in the points and places which he holds, and giving to woman her proper sphere in the domestic circle. No sooner has her production been thrown to the winds than there is a potentious flutter of silks and satins, and waving of scented handkerchiefs, and several feminines take issue with her, and unfeininely grapple with her in intellectual combat. More genial, than is expected, towards each other, they do not use the broomsticks, reserving them for their hen-pecked husbands and prospective lords, and allowing their nails to grow for the purpose of burying them in the cringing flesh of their disobedient masters. Well, being of a philanthropic turn of mind, I am glad they have not wound their hands in each other's hair, but are content to spar at each other playfully. "Kate," the contributor for the Reporter, argues the points she assumes with great force and apparent reason, but I am glad that the fair "A. T. S." clings to her position, and refuses to be immeshed in the web of sophistry, with which the intriguing "Kate," seeks to bind her. Without deeming myself an intruder, I would say a word in defense of "A. T. S." as she has fearlessly taken the opposite with a bevy of bright eyes, and bevy bodies.

Woman, in her own sphere, is the greatest blessing to mankind. Made as a helpmate to man—not as his slave,—she does not, I think, possess as nice qualities of perception, and her imagination flies not so high as his, to bring rich jewels of fancy, to astound intellect. It is true that she first listened to the voice of the tempter, and by that wrought the ruin of mankind, but all allowances can be made

for that when it is known she has had a credulous mind, a confiding disposition and can easily be turned from the right way by the oily voice of her superiors in reason. If the Almighty had interposed before she plucked the fatal fruit, it is not at all improbable but that she would have hearkened to his voice, and believed in him, and thus saved the world from a life of wretchedness and misery. Woman is the most resplendent light in the galaxy of home, and it is there her excellencies are acknowledged and adored. When her lord, who has been worn with toil and the cares of business, returns to her at night, a cozy fire welcomes him, an easy chair receives his form, and above all, the loving embraces and the soul-ravishing kisses of a true wife, as heart clasps heart in the passionate hold of love—are enough to drive away the frost of care, and drown the twang of sorrow's bow.—

"Tis there she impradises earth, and makes the bed of life a bower of Eden. "Tis her place to cool your fevered brow, when sickness lays its pale hand upon you, and Death is fingering the fibers of your heart. She watches with the tender solicitude for each smile that is a precursor of coming health, upon your face. "Tis her right to join you in your anguish and soothe your heart with sympathy in sorrow. "Tis her right to nourish and administer first to the wants of the helpless babe, and sing a lullaby to it as soft as a breath of notes lifting its thin curls from its head in slumber. "Tis her right to love the heart of her husband with a feeling tenfold stronger than his cynical heart can entertain, and to shine as the moon in the galleries of his home, lifting the sable shadows of grief with her glorious light. "Tis not her right, though crudely will prompt her to it, to listen to the serpent tongue of her false lover, who pictures to her a house fair as Ionia skies, and bright as Egypt's sun, for the purpose of accomplishing his own base scheme.—

"Tis not her right to do this, but is it man's right to buy her confidence by horrid words and false professions, and then throw her in the vortex of ruin? Take her from the cheerful ingleside—away from the hearth and home, and place her in Congressional halls, amid the superciliousness of conventional decorum, and what would become of home? I apprehend, society would crumble as a fabric of sand, and naught but confusion dominate. But why agitate this question? The fact is too plain that woman will not adorn any other position.

It is, indeed, ineffably ludicrous to see the fair sex so loquacious on this subject, and raise such a clamor for imaginary rights, and vent such spleenetic speeches for imaginary wrongs. BETA GAMMA.

For the Henderson Reporter.]

MEN AND BUTTON-HOLES.

Among men's petty annoyances, that of the button-holes ranks chief, I believe.—It is the only one for which neither housewife, seamstress nor authoress, has ever proposed a remedy; and I think the one who will do it, will be justly considered a benefactress of the race. Unless you reader, have ever experienced the annoyance it occasions to have button-holes always tearing out, and your wife saying "It can't be helped;" and "it's no use to sew them up, they will tear out again directly;" you can have no idea what a curse men are subjected to in this particular.—

Think of a man having to stand before the glass half an hour, trying to ease the button-holes of a shirt-collar to perform their duty, when he is rigging out to go calling or to church, and feel the vexious linen give way under his chin, the moment he steps into the street.—Many a man has lost a sermon that might have converted him, or been miserable during a whole evening in company, because of unfaithful button holes. My readers may laugh, and think the cause too trifling to occasion so much discomfit; but a badly cooked meal, crying child or curtain lecture, would be endured with twice the patience. It is the insignificance of the annoyance that chafes the proud spirit of man because he cannot remove it. For every other perplexity, some adequate remedy has been suggested; but none have ever ventured a word on this subject. Why is it? I will give a hint to seamstresses on the subject, and perhaps they will do well to improve it;—if any one can give us more light or information, it will be gladly received. The button-holes in shirts of the present day, are generally cut in a line perpendicular with the body, and the strain upon them being lateral, they yield more readily to the pressure, and a gape is the consequence. Now, in my humble opinion, horizontal button-holes would prevent this trouble, and remove one of the greatest sources of man's vexation.—

"A word to the wise is sufficient." A. T. S.

Retribution.

Bold Cheshire proclaims the morn. He used to wake me up at dawn,

Weep, Dame Partlett, weep and mourn,

With nice bread sauce your mate has gone!

So tough was I, so long since born,

He woke me up ag'in next morn.

A man who puts aside his religion because he is going into society, is like one taking off his shoes because he is about to walk upon thorns.

We have seen a couple of sisters who had to be told everything together,

and that she first listened to the voice of the tempter, and by that wrought the ruin of mankind, but all allowances can be made

From the Louisville Journal.

Letter from General Jeff. Thompson. During the first year of the war, Gen. M. Jeff. Thompson and the younger son of the Senior Editor of the Louisville Journal were associated together in the Confederate military service in Missouri and Arkansas, Gen. T. being the superior officer. They slept in the same tent, suffered together, fought scores of times, side by side, repeatedly shared their last dimes each with the other, and formed a devoted attachment. All this and much more was reported to us.

When Gen. T. was taken prisoner and sent to Johnson's Island, we promptly proffered him whatever aid might be permitted by the Federal military authorities for the promotion of his comfort. For this we have been taunted by several Editors throughout the country. We feel that we have done right in ministering to the needs, not only of General Thompson, but of various other Confederate officers in prison. If we are guilty of nothing worse, we guess the Devil will never get us. We think we commit no breach of confidence in publishing the last letter we have received from Gen. T., for it can do him no injury. It shows, that notwithstanding all that has been said of him, a warm heart beats high in his bosom.

Let it be understood that our mere publication of the letter in question is not an endorsement of all the expressions contained in it.

Below we give the letter referred to:

JOHNSON'S ISLAND, Near Sandusky, Ohio,

January 6th, 1864.

Geo. D. Prentiss, Esq., Louisville, Ky.

DEAR FRIEND: We have been notified that we are to be forwarded to Point Lookout for exchange, and it is probable that I shall leave here to-morrow or next day, and, when I reach Gen. Butler's Department, it is possible that I may be paroled, even though the general exchange is not effected.

I cannot leave the Federal lines without again giving you my sincere thanks for your kindness and courtesy to me, and my earnest prayer that should you or yours ever need like assistance it will be extended to you as freely as you have given it to me. 'Tis such acts as you have done will smooth the way to future good will between the North and South; and, should the Union ever be restored, it must be by the tendrils of the heart, for the bayonet cannot pin us together. I will repay the kindness you have extended to me in a way that will please you best, and if my life is spared, you shall receive thanks from many Federals who, by the fortunes of war, may fall into my hands.

I may be ordered to the Mississippi river or the borders of Missouri when I return, and you may hear hard stories of me again, but be assured, that, whatever I may do, I shall be actuated only by a sacred sense of duty and not by a vindictive or bloodthirsty heart. This war is terrible; terrible but I see no end to it, and must do my duty as I conceive it to be, like a Sonthron.

As soon as I reach Richmond I will make all possible inquiries about Clarence and will write you a long letter about him. If I am paroled, and he is on any railroad, I will go to see him. I will try to write to you occasionally by the flag of truce.

Hoping that your life may be spared and health and plenty bless you until peace shall again smile on America, and our two great republics be the admiration of the world, I will remain your obliged and faithful friend.

M. JEFF. THOMPSON.

His Amusement.

What was it that so fascinated the young student, as he stood by the river shore? Not the *Pons Asinorum*. What book so delighted him, and blinded him to all the rest of the world, so that he did not care to see the apple woman with her fruit, or more tempting still to sons of Eve) the pretty girls with their apple cheeks, who laughed and prattled round the fountain?

What was the book? Do you suppose it *Livy*, or the Greek grammar? No; it was a novel that you were reading, you lazy, not-very-clean, good-for-nothing, sensible boy! It was D'Artagnan looking up General Monk in a box, or almost succeeding in keeping Charles the First's head on. It was the prisoner of the Chateau d'If cutting himself out of the sack fifty feet under water—(I mention the novels I like best myself—novels without love or talking, or any of that sort of nonsense, but containing plenty of fighting, escaping, robbery, and rescuing—cutting himself out of the sack, and swimming to the island of Montecristo. Oh, Dumas! oh, thou brave, kind, gallant, old Alexandre! I hereby offer thee homage, and give thee thanks for many pleasant hours. I have read thee (being sick in bed) for thirteen hours of a happy day, and had the ladies of the house fighting for the volume. Be assured that lazy boy was reading Dumas (or I will go so far as to let the reader hear pronounce the eulogium or insert the name of his favorite author); and as for the anger, or, it may be, the reverberations of his schoolmaster, or, the remonstrances of his father, or the tender pleadings of his mother that he should not let the supper grow cold, I don't believe the scapgegrace cared one fig. No! Figs are sweet, but fictions are sweater.—*Thackeray's Round-about Papers.*

A. T. S.

More Fuss than Feathers.

The Philadelphia *Pennsylvanian* had the following good story in one of its police reports:

As Mrs. Esther Stansbury, residing in a court running from Race, below Sixth street, was about to bring a bucket of water from the hydrant last night, she found an old basket suspended from the knob of the front door. Putting her hand into the basket, she felt something alive and kicking, but so enveloped in rags that no further discovery could be made without untying the object. A piece of paper, folded like a letter, lay by the side of the animated bundle. Mrs. Stansbury immediately returned into the house, and by the light of the lamp examined the basket. It was addressed to her husband. She tremulously broke the seal, and read as follows:

"To Joe Stansbury—Sir: I send you the baby, which you will please take good care of, and bring up right, so that it may turn out to be a better man than its daddy. Oh, Joseph! what a silly old race you are! Who would think that such a staid, sober old spindleshanks, could be such a tearing-down sinner? The child is yours—
you may swear to that. Look at it—it is Joe Stansbury all over. You deceived me shamefully, Joseph—letting on to be a widower! But do a father's part by the young one, and I'll forgive you."

"Your heart broken Nancy."

"P. S.—Don't let that sharp-nosed wife of yours see this letter. Gammon her with some kind of a story about the baby."

Mr. Stansbury was in the basement kitchen, quietly eating his supper, and little imagining what a storm was brewing over his head. The door of the kitchen was violently thrown open, and Mrs. Stansbury's voice yelled out—"Stansbury, come up here, you villain! Here's a mess for you!" The astonished Stansbury hastily wiped his mouth and obeyed the summons.

"Don't you want to see Nancy, the heart-broken Nancy?" cried Mrs. Stansbury, when her guilty husband bobbed up into the room. "Nancy! what Nancy's that?" said the sly old rogue, in well-leiaged perplexity. "Why, Nancy, the mother of this baby that's been hung up at the door, Mr. Stansbury! Oh, you look mighty innocent; but just read that letter, and then look

REPORTER.

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DID N'T COME!

The Proclamation of Abraham Lincoln freeing the slaves of the border States, which was expected by some to be issued on the 23d.

Freedmen's Convention at Louisville.

The telegraph informs us that this body assembled in the United States court-room at noon on Monday. About 100 delegates were present from Kentucky, Missouri, Tennessee and Arkansas.

The convention was organized by the selection of the Hon. P. P. Thomasson of Ky., President; Vice Presidents—M. S. Brief, of Tenn., H. Wolff, of Ark., J. S. Mickson, of Ky., Gen. John McNeil, of Mo.; Secretaries—J. S. Fowler, of Tenn., James Tawssig, of Mo., J. W. Campbell, of Mo., and T. J. Barnes, of Ark.

The convention adjourned about 3 o'clock, to meet at 7 this evening, to hear an address from Chas. D. Drake, of Mo., which was brief but eloquent, subsequent to which, the committee on resolutions not having reported, the convention adjourned until Tuesday at 10 o'clock.

At the afternoon session of the convention a circular from S. C. Pomeroy, Chairman National Committee, was distributed among the members. The circular opposes the re-nomination of Mr. Lincoln.

About one hundred delegates were present from four States. What a tremendous outpouring of the "friends of freedom!" This abolition conclave, insignificant in numbers and influence will be heralded by the negro lunatics of the free States as a great success. Well, it is a considerable success for such an assemblage to be drummed together in Kentucky, the soundest pro-slavery State of the border. But when we consider the character of the men who compose it, it does not seem strange. Who is Hon. P. P. Thomasson, of Kentucky? What constituency of this Commonwealth will be ever represented on the floor of Congress? It is not necessary to enquire who is General McNeil. His name is known throughout the country. His name is intimately connected with an affair that occurred in Missouri, in which ten innocent men were shot because an old man left town without risking his departure known, and who returned after the ten men had been executed for his supposed murder. Ten

Federal officers were shot by order of Gen. Hindman, in retaliation for the ten men executed by McNeil. Thus, twenty innocent men suffered death on account of this barbarous act of McNeil. We never heard of any great achievement of the General in front of the enemy. We presume the other "delegates" belong to the small-fry. Henry Winter Davis, ex-General Gant, of Arkansas, Gov. Johnson, of Tennessee, Wendell Phillips and Garrison were not present.

The idea of these self-constituted "delegates" representing a nyrespectable constituency in the slaveholding States is simply ridiculous. Knowing the tide of public opinion at the North at this time, they seek to ride into favor and power by putting themselves forward as the leaders of the abolition movement in the States which, when reason swayed the sceptre, would have kept them in the insignificance they so richly deserve.

We reprint below one of the leading sentiments of the address that called together this delectable assemblage, and which appeared in this paper last week:

"To secure, however, the requisite aid and support to the friends of freedom in the slave States, it is primarily essential that the General Government should adopt in its civil, no less than its military, administration a line of action that will recognize, so far as may be authorized, freedom to be the true basis of loyalty, and give to the communities involved sufficient guarantees that there will be no retrogression in the future; but, on the contrary, an effective carrying out of the principles embodied in the Civil Code under the Confiscation Act, and in the military direction by the Proclamation of January 1, 1863. This is necessary, because few will be disposed to engage in the work of effecting those changes needed for any thorough assimilation or any positive uprooting of slavery, if they are to be left unsupported to reap their reward from the slave power reinstated as dominant in either States or nation."

The meaning of this extract is simply this: The leaders of this fanatic movement are determined, if they can, to take advantage of the revolutionary times, and get the reins of the State organizations in their own hands on the one-tenth plan of Mr. Lincoln. By adopting the proposition that "freedom shall be the true basis of loyalty," in the loyal slave States as in

the seceded States, they hope to outlaw the overwhelming majority of conservative citizens—through the power of the Government—and thus secure the profits that would naturally accrue to them by the success of their revolutionary and anti-slavery schemes.

These fanatic schemers seem to forget that their plan of operations may, at some future time, be reversed by the success of an opposing party. Let a little more of the spirit of agrarianism obtain—permit these "friends of freedom" to free the slave property of their fellow citizens—permit them to make "freedom the test of loyalty"—and the next step would be to parcel out the landed estates of those who think the institution of African slavery is right amongst themselves. But let them remember that the success of another party would in turn sweep their ill-gotten gains from their grasp.

Indeed, have we fallen upon strange times, if a man can not sit securely under his own vine and fig tree.

NEWS ITEMS.

Over seven thousand negroes have been recruited in Missouri during the past three months.

The Memphis dates of the 17th say the latest accounts, state that General Sherman captured Meridian without opposition, Polk having evacuated the place. It is since reported that Polk occupied Jackson in Sherman's rear, with the probable design of following on the heels of our columns. Communication being cut off with Sherman, his future movements were merely conjectured. This report does not obtain credence in well-informed military circles here.

An officer just arrived at Cairo from Vicksburg, says that the rebel force at Jackson is inconsiderable, and is commanded by Generals Logan and Wirt Adams.

It is the opinion of experienced East Indian ship masters in Boston, that the Alabama could not possibly have made Amoy, from her last reported station, in nine days, which reports allow her, especially with the winds which she must have encountered.

An extensive fire occurred 1st Gloucester, Mass., on the 18th, burning the buildings on the principal business street. The loss is estimated at \$400,000.

The order prohibiting the distillation of grain in Kentucky has been revoked.

Twelve barges containing 12,000 bales of hay were burned at Memphis on the 20th. The hay was valued at \$200,000, belonging to Gaff, Cochran & Co. Another account says it had been delivered to the Government.

The Supreme Court, in refusing a writ of *certiorari*, for the revision of the proceedings of the court martial that tried Vandalligham, took the ground that there was no authority by which relief could be had in the mode sought, nor any law even by which an appeal can be taken from a military commission, to the Supreme Court.

Ex-United States Senator Bortland, of Ark., died in Texas recently.

The Senate has agreed to the report of the Committee of Conference on the Conscription Bill. The House of Representatives has done so likewise, and the bill is now a law.

The House of Representatives has ordered 10,000 additional copies of General McClellan's Report to be printed.

Gold has advanced to \$91@ \$92.

General Johnson has concentrated the Confederate army at Dalton, and advanced pickets to Ringgold.

The New York World's Newbern letter of the 16th says the rebels are now at Kingston. Their force is estimated at 25,000. An expedition is being organized to dislodge them.

Several thousand Federal prisoners have been sent from Richmond to Georgia.

The Confederates have hung Spencer Dayton, at Castle Thunder, upon the charge of being a Federal spy.

A large number of negroes from Christian county are making their way towards Clarksville, to enlist under the Federals.

The Abolition Convention for the nomination of candidates for President and Vice President is to be held at Baltimore on the 7th of June next. The delegates from each State will be double the number of Electors. Thus Ohio will have 42 delegates.

Whispers about an Armistice.

[Richmond Cor., of the Mobile Register.]

More than a week ago it was whispered in the streets that the Senate was discussing in secret session a peremptory proposition for an armistice, which had been made or shortly would be made to the United States by England and France.

—Perhaps I mentioned the fact in one of my letters. More recently, in fact in the early part of this week, a prominent citizen returning from a visit to the President, represented the latter as "declaring that he had never been more sanguine of the success of our cause than now."

It is understood this is the disputed point upon which a contest is expected to-morrow. The report is signed by Wilson, Nesmith and Grimes on the part of the Senate, and Schenck and Dunning of the House.

Mr. Kernan does not concur in it.

The House has not yet taken a definite action on the report of the Committee of Conference.

MOBILE, Feb. 19.—Farragut has not renewed the attack on Grant's Pass. His fleet lies in the sound, the weather being too bad for action.

No landing reported yet in the direction of Pascagoula.

Maj. Gen. Schammon and staff have arrived at Richmond, and are lodged in Libby prison, which is a pleasing offset to the loss of Col. Straight.

Fifty-eight of the escaped prisoners have been returned to Libby prison.

Three deserters, who went to Newbern and took up arms against the Confederacy, were captured and hung at Kings-ton on the 7th.

MOBILE, Feb. 15.—Meridian was evacuated yesterday. The Government property was saved.

BY TELEGRAPH.

Foreign News.

HALIFAX, Feb. 19.—The African has arrived with Liverpool dates of the 6th, and Queenstown of the 7th. The Danes have evacuated Schleswig, and the Danes were falling back to Flensburg. The Germans are pursuing.

Consols closed on the 6th at 90 $\frac{1}{2}$ to 91.

There has been no additional fighting in Schleswig. A snow storm prevented anything but skirmishing.

Cotton irregular but lower, closing firm. Breadstuffs dull. Flour steady.—Wheat 2 to 4 lower. Corn flat, 6d lower. Provisions firmer and unchanged. Consols on Friday 90 $\frac{1}{2}$ to 91.

A Hamburg dispatch of the 6th states no news from the war. It is believed the Prussians will prevent its transmission.

Severe fighting is thought to be going on. Numbers of wounded are being continually brought to Rendsburg.

EARL DERBY, in the House of Lords, condemned the foreign policy of the government as humiliating to England.

Russell stated that England had not given the slightest promise to Denmark of assistance.

In the House of Commons Palmerston defended the policy of Russell.

The majority of the journals have a pacific tendency.

CAIRO, Feb. 20.—An officer from Big Black river, reports just before reaching Jackson a skirmish ensued between a part of Gen. Sherman's force and a body of four or five thousand rebels in which the enemy were defeated, with forty-three captured.

Our forces passed through Jackson in two columns, the enemy retreating across Pearl River precipitately. His pontoons and a number of prisoners fell into our hands. Our forces seized provisions of all kinds, and swept on.

Great dissatisfaction is said to exist among the Kentucky and Mississippi regiments. Large numbers of deserters are coming into our lines.

Gen. Sherman reached Meridian ten days after leaving Vicksburg.

Tuttle's Division got behind and was cut off and returned to Vicksburg.

Gen. McArthur is in command of the department at Vicksburg. Gen. McPherson having accompanied Sherman with most of his corps.

Refugees from Mobile report the inhabitants of that city feel secure from attack. Fifteen thousand rebel troops are quartered in and about the city.

Union sentiment prevailed to a considerable extent, which will be expressed as soon as protection is afforded.

The guerrillas keep up the fire on steamers between New Orleans and Memphis; but little damage is reported.

Gen. Buckland's course at Memphis is gaining much favor there by his judicious administration of affairs.

Ice is running heavily in the Mississippi at Cairo, and also for fifty miles below.

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THE CHIEF! INSURE WITH THE AETNA INSURANCE COMPANY

OF HARTFORD, CONN.

1. FIRE AND INLAND NAVIGATION RISKS accepted, now as heretofore, at fair rates and liberal conditions.

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NET ASSETS, JANUARY, 1864.

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8. PARTICULAR ATTENTION and regard is given to small risks as well as large ones. Able security and superior commercial advantages afforded.

POLICIES ISSUED WITHOUT DELAY.

F. W. REUTLINGER, AGENT.

Feb. 4, 1864—2m. Henderson, Ky.

C. W. WOODBRIDGE, Proprietor.

Feb. 4, 1864.

R. S. EASTIN, Proprietor.

County Surveyor.

WILL promptly attend to all business entrusted to him. He will be in the city of Henderson every Saturday, when professionally absent. Communications addressed to Box 285, Postoffice, will receive immediate attention.

Feb. 8, 1864—J.W. HULL, HIGGINSON.

The Fight Between the Danes and Prussians.

NOTICE!

ALL persons indebted to me by note will please call at the Sheriff's office in the city of Henderson on the 5th March, and renew said notes, as I have had my house and all my papers destroyed by fire. Mr. W. G. Norman is authorized to take the notes.

Feb. 25, 1864—2m. M. L. HICKS.

A. PALIS. HENDERSON

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AND

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THE undersigned respectfully inform the citizens of Henderson, vicinity, and Southern Kentucky, that they have gone to great expense in fitting up a complete set of machinery—conducted by steam—for the purpose of executing all descriptions of

FURNITURE,

which we will sell at Cincinnati prices—adding freight. We are also fully prepared to turn out, in lumber to suit,

The Weekly Reporter

LOCAL AND OTHER MATTERS

Thanks to Hon. L. W. Powell for a copy of Gen. McClellan's report.

The river has been falling rapidly for several days.

Mr. John T. Handley, of the county, will accept the thanks of the "gentlemen of the Reporter office" for a half-bushel of most excellent apples. Long may he wave.

The attention of those who may feel interested is invited to the advertisement headed "Administrator's Sale." The sale will take place at the Posey farm on Tuesday, March 8th.

A statement of the condition of N. Y. Home Insurance Company appears in another column. John A. Morris, Esq., is agent at this place for this reliable institution.

The weather for the past few days has been quite spring-like. The birds Carroll forth their sweet roundlays, and impart an air of cheerfulness to all surroundings.

The company of the 35th Kentucky regiment, stationed at this post, "freed" a pay-master on Monday night and received their quota of greenbacks.

The soldiers in the city celebrated the 22d by firing the four pounder used by Adam Johnson at Geiger's Lake.

A negro man who, one year ago, hired for \$300, was sold to the highest bidder on Monday for \$50. We understand the negro is subject to fits.

"SILENT SELTS."—The singing club, bearing this euphonious name, will accept the most profound acknowledgments of the editor for a serenade on Saturday night last. May the sweet strains of delightful music that fall from their lips ever secure them an abundance of "cold wittles."

Prof. Geo. Warren, with his fine Evansville band, came down on the magnificent Grey Eagle on Saturday evening last. Our citizens were regaled with several beautiful airs, the Professor having come up town with his entire musical force, and made the welkin ring with the symphony of sweet sounds.

The March number of Godey's Lady's Book is on our table. It were useless for us to say a word in its praise. The great success of the Book speaks volumes in its favor—the circulation this year will reach 150,000. Godey is the favorite of the ladies.

The dwelling house, kitchen and two negro cabins of Mr. M. L. Hicks, a few miles from the city, were burned on Tuesday night of last week. We understand that Mr. H.'s loss, besides the buildings, was about \$500.

While the citizens of Evansville are in a state of excitement in regard to the Government establishing a navy yard at that place, Henderson has quietly borne off the palm. Our navy yard is in successful operation. We saw, on Sunday last, the keels of two ships on the stocks.

On Tuesday, 15th inst., a negro on Mr. E. H. Green's farm in Hopkins county, became refractory and attempted the life of Mr. Mills, the overseer. Mr. M. drew his pistol, shot and mortally wounded the negro, who shortly afterwards died. The negro was a likely boy, aged about 21 years.

We stated last week that the negroes in this city belonging to Mr. Buford Farris, who was arrested by an officer from Louisville, had been turned over to the military authorities. Such was the order, but it was not done. Mr. F. has returned to the city, there being no ground for any charges that may have been brought against him.

To CORRESPONDENTS.—"Read One, Read All," by "A. T. S." will appear next week. "Woman's Rights," by "Mayflower," is well written, but is declined for the reason that we have already published enough on that subject. Would be pleased to hear from the writer on other subjects. "Woman's Rights," by "Nannie Gray," respectfully declined—the verses are not measured correctly.

A lot of negroes, belonging to Mr. E. S. Miller, a trader, were sold at auction in this place on Monday last. They brought the following prices:

George, aged 17.....\$395.
Preston, aged 35.....200
Mary, aged 13.....310
Lizzie, aged 18, and baby.....250
Jack, aged 28.....240

The negroes doubtless sold at no higher figures, on account of the supposed probability that A. Lincoln would issue a proclamation freeing the slaves in the latter States on the 2d.

Daily Mail to Evansville and Henderson.

STATEMENT

Of the condition of the HOME INSURANCE COMPANY, of New York, on the first day of January, A. D. 1864, made to the Auditor of the State of KENTUCKY, pursuant to the Statute of that State.

Name and Location.
The name of this Company is THE HOME INSURANCE COMPANY, incorporated in 1853, and located in the City of New York.

Capital.
The Capital of this Company actually paid up in cash is.....\$2,000,000 00

The Surplus on the 1st day of January, 1864,.....1,210,467 01

Total amount of Capital and Surplus.....\$3,210,467 01

Assets.

Cash in Continental Bank, N. Y.,.....\$875,680 45

Cash in hands of Agents, and in course of transmission,.....72,348 96

Unincumbered Real Estate, No. 4 Wall Street,.....65,000 00

United States Treasury Notes, 7 3-10 market value,.....135,279 73

U. S. Registered and Coupon Stock 1881, market value,.....61,600 00

U. S. Bonds, 5-20, market value,.....402,250 00

U. S. Certificates of Indebtedness, Missouri State Bonds, 6 per cent, market value,.....74,458 79

North Carolina Bonds, 6 per cent, market value,.....13,250 00

Tennessee Bonds, 6 per cent, market value,.....5,300 00

Ohio, 6 per cent, market value,.....11,600 00

Illinois, 6 per cent, market value,.....10,600 00

Rhode Island, 6 per cent, market value,.....21,400 00

California State Bonds, 7 per cent, market value,.....54,000 00

Brooklyn City Water Bonds, market value,.....63,000 00

Bank Stocks, market value,.....11,000 00

Loans on Bonds and Mortgages, being first lien of record on Unincumbered Real Estate, worth at least \$1,746,500, rate of Interest 6 and 7 per cent,.....831,672 50

Loans on Stocks and Bonds, payable on demand, the market value of securities pledged, at least \$150,280,.....376,012 50

Steam Tug and Wrecking apparatus,.....19,760 01

Land Salvage (estimated).....24,357 86

Government Stamps on hand,.....96 62

Due for Premiums on Policies issued at Office,.....3,123 80

Bills receivable from the Insurance Navigation Risks, &c.,.....24,773 90

Interest Due on 1st January, 1864,.....17,896 21

\$3,236,270 33

Liabilities.

Losses adjust'd, and due and unpaid, None.

Losses incurred, and in process of adjustment,.....\$40,492 58

Losses reported, on which no action has been taken,.....11,325 74

Claims for Losses resisted by the Co.,.....23,140 00

Dividends declared and due and unpaid,.....850 00

Dividends either cash or scrip, declared but not yet due,.....None.

Money borrowed,.....None.

All other claims against the Co.,.....None.

Total amount of Losses, Claims and Liabilities,.....\$75,803 32

The greatest amount insured on any one hand is \$50,000, but will not as a general rule exceed \$10,000.

The Company has no general rule as to the amount allowed to be insured in any city, town, village or block, being governed in this matter, in each case, by the general character of buildings, width of streets, facilities for putting out fires, &c.

A certified copy of the Charter or Act of Incorporation, as amended December 31st, 1863, accompanies this Statement.

STATE OF NEW YORK,
City and County of New York, ss.

CHARLES J. MARTIN, President, and JOHN McGEE, Secretary, of the Home Insurance Company, being severally and duly sworn, deposed and said for himself that the foregoing is true, full and correct statement of the affairs of the said Corporation, and that they are the above described officers thereof.

(Signed) CHAS. J. MARTIN, President.

(Signed) JOHN McGEE, Secretary.

Subscribed and sworn before me, this 26th day of January, A. D. 1864.

J. H. WASHBURN, Notary Public.

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